

is in the result which may follow. If the passion for card-playing is awakened, and becomes fastened upon an individual, he will forgo home, family, business, and suffer the loss of all things for the excitement of being at a card table.

Dr. J. G. Holland once said: "I have all my days had a card-playing community open to my observation, and I am yet unable to believe that that which is the universal resort of the starved soul and intellect, which has never in any way linked to itself tender, elevating, or beautiful associations—the tendency of which is to unduly absorb the attention from more weighty matters—can recommend itself to the favor of Christ's disciples. The presence of culture and genius may embellish, but can never dignify it."

"I have this moment ringing in my ears the dying injunction of my father's early friend: 'Keep your son from cards. Over them I have murdered time and lost heaven.' Fathers and mothers, keep your sons from cards in the home circle. What must a good angel think of a mother at the prayer meeting asking for the conversion of her son whom she allowed to remain at home playing cards for 'passtime'?"

Tot's Prayer

A little girl about five years old got very tired amusing her baby brother while her mother was house-cleaning, so when night came and she was about to say her prayers, she asked, "Can I pray as I have a mind to?" Being told she could, only to remember to whom she was talking, she prayed her usual prayer, then raised her head a little and added with fervor: "And p-l-e-a-s-e, Lord, d-o-n't let us have any more house-cleaning, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Speak Like You Do When You Laugh

A baby of three years, says a recent writer, once preached me a sermon, and I pass it on for the benefit of other downcast and despondent ones who need to learn to rejoice evermore.

"How is the baby?" I asked drearily, standing at the foot of the staircase leading up to the chamber where the little one lay ill. I was tired, unhopeful; my mood came out in my tone.

"Peak like you do when you laugh," called the weak little voice upstairs; and if ever I felt rebuked by an angel, that was the moment. It has come up to me a hundred times since. I hope I am the brighter and cheerier for it.

"Speak like you do when you laugh." That means sparkle and gladness and good will. Those fretful lines at the mouth corners don't come from laughing. The weary ones around the eyes have another origin. But the plainest outward sign of despondency is that in the tone. The sick feel it; that is why visitors are forbidden. Little children are infallible weather prophets; they will not take to you. And you and I—

just common working men and women, neither sick nor young nor old, but busy and often tired—we love—yes, that is the word—we love the bright, loving, laughing, happy voice. "Speak like you do when you laugh."

A Senator Led To Christ By His Daughter

Rev. Dr. Milnor was brought up a Quaker, became a distinguished lawyer in Philadelphia, and was a member of Congress for three successive terms. Returning to his home on a visit during his last Congressional session, his little daughter rushed upon him exclaiming, "Papa! papa! do you know I can read?" "No!" he said, "let me hear you." She opened her little Bible and read, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." It was an arrow in her father's heart. It came to him as a solemn admonition. "Out of the mouth of babes," God's spirit moved within him. He was driven to his closet, and a friend calling upon him found he had been weeping over the "Dairyman's Daughter." Altho forty-years of age, he abandoned politics and law for the ministry of the gospel. For thirty years he was the beloved rector of St. George's Church in Philadelphia, the predecessor of the venerated Dr. Tyng.

Sisters' S. C. E.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Month of January

THEOLOGICAL FUND		
Reported,		71
Astoria, Ill., S. S. C. E.		60
Cerro Gordo, "		1 20
Lanark, "		1 50
Good's Mills, Va., "		1 30
Mount Zion, " "		4 20
Terra Alta, " "		75
Saint Luke, " "		3 00
Meyersdale, Pa., "		1 00
Falls City, Neb., "		1 00
Waterloo, Iowa, "		1 08
New Virginia, Ia., "		80
Brooklyn, " "		2 10
Garrison, " "		1 00
Somerset, Ind., "		75
Lapaz, " "		50
South Bend, " "		2 00
Tiosa, " "		75
Loree, " "		1 00
Akron, " "		1 25
Warsaw, " "		1 00
Nappanee, " "		1 00
Milford, " "		1 30
New Paris, " "		60
Corinth, " "		2 20
Gratis, Ohio, "		2 50
Middlebranch, " "		2 80
Gretna, Ohio, "		1 00
Louisville, " "		2 00
Fair View, " "		40
Annie Richard, " on pledge,		1 00
Ora Turner and Mary Cunningham, " "		1 00
Elizabeth Miller and Thomas Kyzer, " "		1 00
Mrs. Rosa Young, " "		1 00
Mrs. Winnie Laurence, " "		1 00
O. A. Swadberg, " "		1 00
Mrs. Jonas Fliokenger, " "		2 00
David Augustine, " "		1 00
		\$47 20

To treasurer of Ashland University,	\$47 20
FOREIGN MISSION FUND	
Reported,	\$52 58
Lapaz Indiana S. S. C. E.,	50
Tiosa, " "	75
Balance,	\$53 83

HOME MISSION FUND	
Reported,	\$47 47
Lapaz, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	50
Tiosa, " "	75
Loree, " "	1 70
Mexico, " "	2 20
Fair View, " "	2 50
Nappanee, " "	1 00
New Paris, " "	60
Meyersdale, Pa., " "	1 00
Waterloo, Iowa, " "	1 07
Fair View, Ohio, " "	40
Terra Alta, W. Va., " "	75
Fair View, Ind., " on pledge,	1 00
D. Augustine, " "	1 00
Miss Vianna Detwiler, " "	1 00
To treasurer of N. M. B.,	\$10 00
Balance,	\$52 94

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Reported,	\$98 15
Somerset, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	75
Lapaz, " "	50
Tiosa, " "	75
Meyersdale, " "	1 00
Gretna, Ohio, " "	1 00
Fair View, " "	40
Akron, " "	1 25
Warsaw, " "	1 00
Nappanee, " "	1 00
Fair View, " "	2 50
Falls City, Neb., " "	1 00
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Lydiok, on pledge,	1 00
Fair View, Ind., S. S. C. E., " "	1 00
To Bro. Holsinger,	\$10 00
" Nickolson,	10 00
Balance,	\$91 30

CHICAGO FUND	
Godfrey, Kans., S. S. C. E.,	3 00
To treasurer of N. M. B.,	\$3 00

I regret very much to make the statement to the S. S. C. E. that we have paid to the treasurer of Ashland College this year in support of the Theological Chair only ninety-seven dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$97.29). I trust we may not be content with this report but will make an effort to heartily support this important fund.

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

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I was more pleased than grieved this week when I learned the trouble in one of our younger societies. The cause of their perplexity is really a source of blessing. They have almost thirty members and right here is where their trouble arises, because some of them are children as young as twelve years old. Those finding the fault are sincere and honest in their conviction that children should not have a part in this kind of church work, and we can all see where the harm might be; but if the object of the society is properly explained to these young minds we can also see that this work would be one of the best ways of interesting the little ones in something apart from themselves and theirs, and to let them grow up more unselfish than some of us have been. In our society at the Mission there are some